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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6719

BILL NUMBER: HB 1122

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Discharge of Water by Oceangoing Vessels.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Budak

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Water Pollution Control Board to establish permit requirements for the discharge of water by oceangoing vessels in Indiana ports that ensure aquatic nuisance species will not be discharged. It also requires an oceangoing vessel to obtain a permit from the Department of Environmental Management before discharging water in an Indiana port.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Currently, the Water Pollution Control Board must establish requirements for permits related to controlling or limiting discharges of any contaminants into state waters. This bill will require the Board to establish requirements for permitting the discharge of water from oceangoing vessels in an Indiana Port. The bill also will require the Department of Environmental Management to issue the discharge permits no later than July 1, 2007.

The fiscal impact of this bill will depend on the requirements set by the Board. Both dedicated funds and the state General Fund are used for the purposes of the Department and the Board in maintaining permitting programs.

In order to issue the permits and maintain the permitting program, the Department will likely require additional staff, which could possibly be supplied through a variety of sources. The sources may include the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations.

As of December 2005, the Department had 908 full-time employees and 138 vacancies. In FY 2005, the Department reverted nearly \$1.2 M. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: IDEM; Water Pollution Control Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Budget Agency, *General Fund Reversion Summary Fiscal Year 2004-2005*; State of Indiana, *HRM Detail Staffing Report 12/20/2005*.

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